

Solo Leveling

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IT'S ALREADY BEEN
OVER AN HOUR SINCE
THE HUNTERS GUILD
WENT INSIDE...

WHAT'S
TAKING THEM
SO LONG?



IF OUR
GUILD HAD GONE IN
INSTEAD, WE WOULD'VE
BEEN TOTALLY
SCREWED...

***THERE THEY
COME!***





I CAN'T BELIEVE THE
ELITE MEMBERS OF THE
HUNTERS GUILD LOOK
SO BEAT UP!

WHAT IN
THE WORLD
HAPPENED INSIDE
THAT C-RANK
GATE?!





YOU GUYS
ARE FROM THE
COURAGE GUILD,
RIGHT?

CAN YOU HELP US
TRANSPORT ALL OF
THE CASUALTIES?



CASUALTIES?!

**Y...YES!
OF COURSE!!**



THE REAL
ARCHITECT IS
PROBABLY
SOMEWHERE
ELSE.

I GOT SOME
ANSWERS, BUT NOT ALL.
I DON'T THINK HE WOULD'VE
STUCK AROUND LONG ENOUGH
TO TELL ME EVERYTHING,
THOUGH.



MR. SLUNG, 20
OF THE HIGHEST
RANKING HUNTERS
DIED IN ACTION
TODAY.

THAT SAID, WE
WOULD'VE SUFFERED
UNIMAGINABLE DAMAGE
HAD A DUNGEON BREAK
OCCURRED.





BUT YOU'RE TELLING
ME YOU ATTEMPTED TO
CLEAR THIS DUNGEON
ALL BY YOURSELF?

I ASKED THE
COURAGE GUILD TO
REPORT THE DOUBLE
DUNGEON, BUT...

...I DIDN'T
THINK ANYONE
WOULD COME
HELP ME.

I'M THE
REASON WHY
THESE HUNTERS
DIED TODAY.




I SURVIVED
THANKS TO THE
HUNTERS GUILD AND
THE SURVEILLANCE
TEAM.



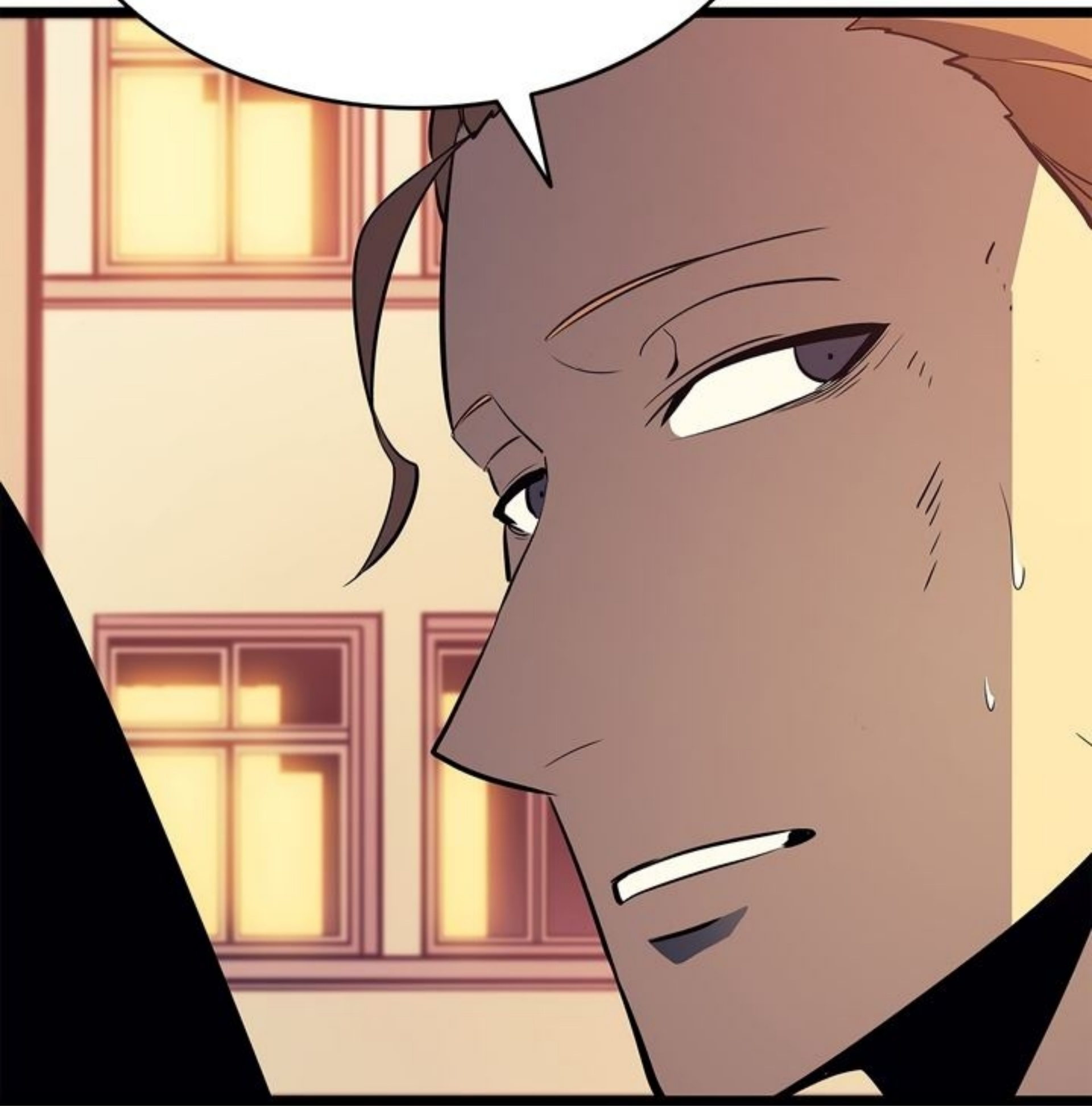
THE SURVEILLANCE TEAM IS ALWAYS NOTIFIED WHEN AN S-RANK TAKES ACTION.

AND THE DECISION TO ASK THE HUNTERS GUILD FOR THEIR COOPERATION WAS MINE.



THOUGH THE RESULTS ARE QUITE TRAGIC, NONETHELESS...

HOW DID YOU
KNOW THAT THERE WAS
A DOUBLE DUNGEON
HERE?



THE DUNGEON
CALLED OUT TO
ME.



...CALLED OUT
TO YOU?

YES, I RECEIVED
A MESSAGE
TELLING ME TO
COME HERE.

MAY I HAVE A
LOOK AT THAT
MESSAGE?

IT'S IN
MY HEAD. ONLY
I CAN SEE IT.

I DOUBT
HE'S JOKING,
CONSIDERING HOW
MANY DEATHS
THERE HAVE
BEEN...

I JUST CAN'T
GET A READ ON THE
GUY... NOT WITH MY
COMMON SENSE,
AT LEAST.



ARE YOU ALL RIGHT,
MR. SUNG?

YEAH,
OF COURSE
I'M...



WOBBLE

NO, MAYBE
I'M A BIT...





200,000
TONS OF MANA
CRYSTALS.

THIS SHOULD
BE MORE THAN
ENOUGH FOR THE
MAGIC CIRCLE.



ONCE I BUILD THE BARRIER
AROUND THE GATE, IT WILL
START DRAWING IN MANA
FROM THE CRYSTALS.





AND AT THAT POINT ,
THE MAGIC CIRCLE WILL
BE SELF-SUFFICIENT.

BUT...
HOW STRANGE.

PARDON?
IS THERE A
PROBLEM,
SIR?

NO, THE
BARRIER IS PERFECT.
HOWEVER...

...I SENSE
A PRESENCE
CLOSEBY.

SORRY?

WHO
ARE YOU?!

SHOW YOURSELF!



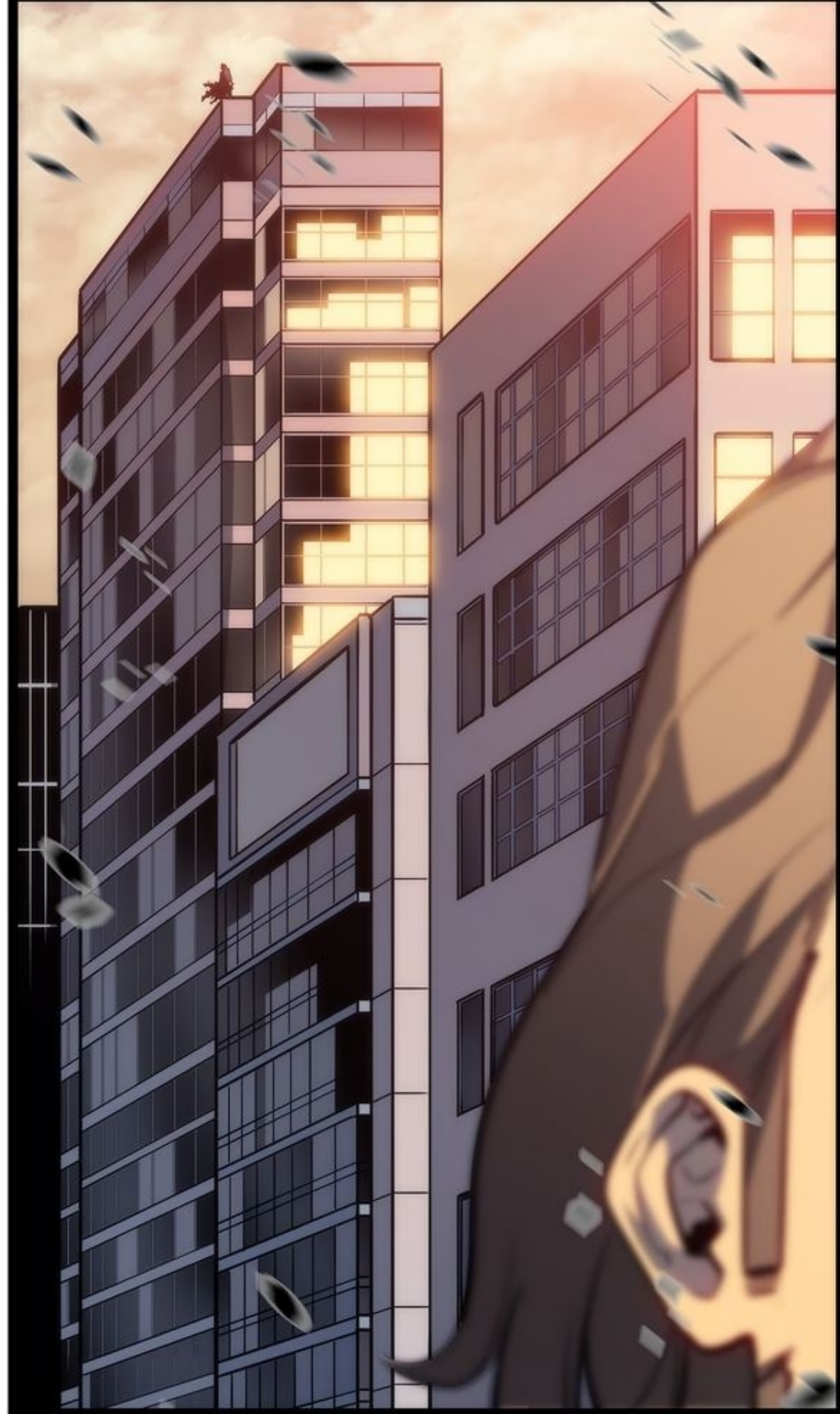
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WOULD SOMEONE
REALLY HAVE THE GUTS
TO BE OUT ON THE
STREETS WHEN THE
DUNGEON BREAK IS
TOMORROW?



I NEVER SAID IT
WAS A PERSON.

WHAT?



A MAN WITH
SHARP SENSES,
I SEE.



WELL... I GUESS
THERE'S NOTHING
STRANGE ABOUT THAT,
CONSIDERING WHERE
HIS POWER COMES
FROM.

BUT
REGARDLESS...



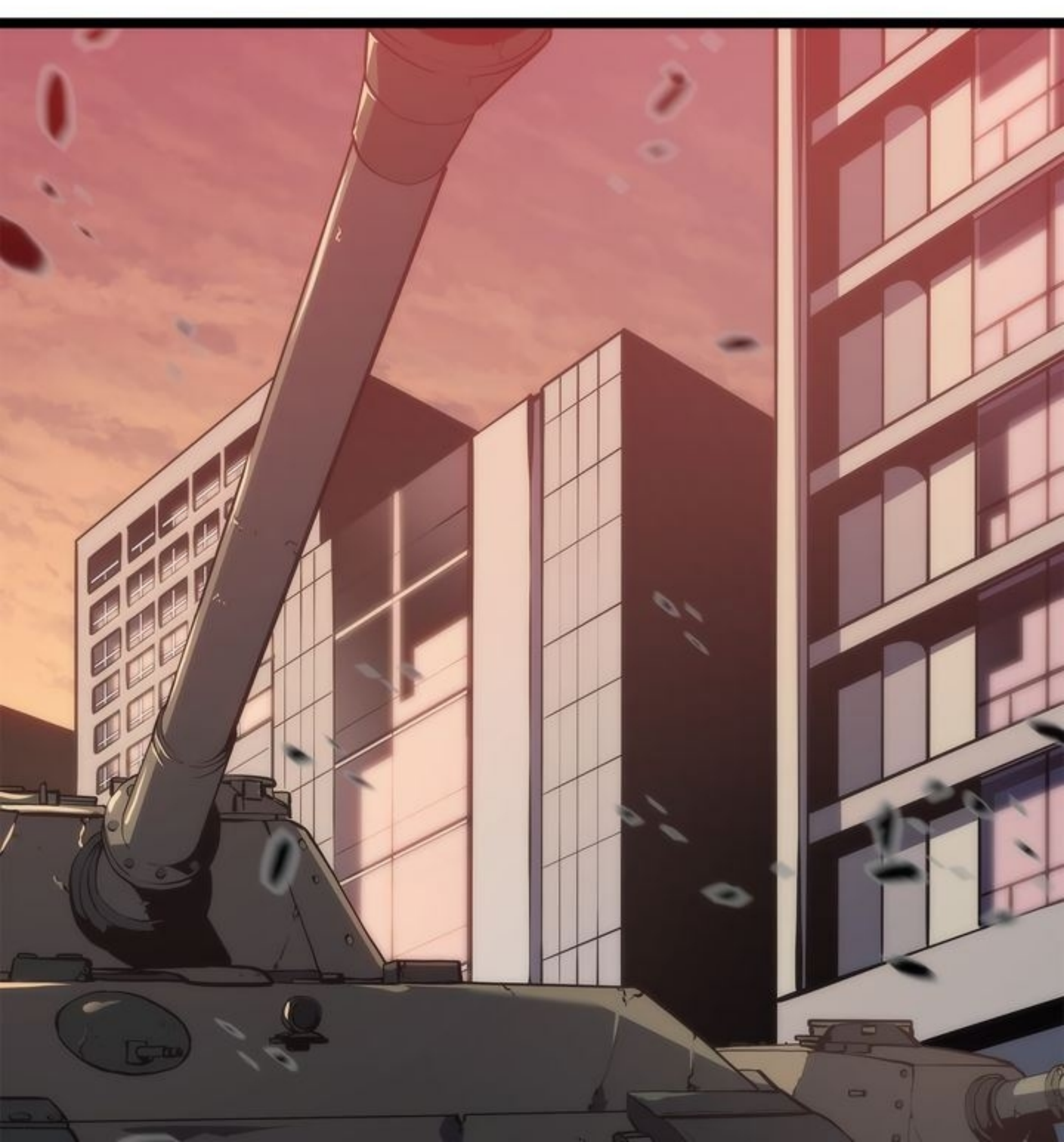
...IT FINALLY
BEGINS, HUH?

EVERYTHING
IS GOING
ACCORDING
TO PLAN.

WHOOOSH



*TRAGEDY
IS AFOOT.*






MODERN
FIREARMS ARE HIGHLY
INEFFECTIVE AGAINST
BEASTS,

SO I JUST DON'T
SEE THE POINT IN
MOBILIZING AN
ARMY.




IF YURI ORLOFF'S
STRATEGY FAILS,

SOMEONE NEEDS TO BUY
FRONT-LINE HUNTERS
SOME TIME TO PREPARE
FOR AN ATTACK.



SO THEY'RE
JUST... HUMAN
SHIELDS.

AS LONG AS WE'RE
STATIONED AT THE
FRONT LINES, WE
HUNTERS ARE NO
DIFFERENT.



IT JUST GOES TO
SHOW HOW HELPLESS
HUMANS ARE IN THE
FACE OF PURE
DESTRUCTION.



PERFECT.
THIS IS GREAT.

IF ALL GOES WELL,
I'LL HAVE THIS GATE
TAKEN CARE OF ALL
BY MYSELF!

IT'D BE GREAT IF I COULD
BE KNOWN AS THE MAN
WHO SINGLE-HANDEDLY
BROUGHT DOWN AN
S-RANK GATE,
BUT...

...THERE'S ANOTHER
HUNTER WHO BETTER
FITS THAT TITLE, SO
I SHOULDN'T BE
OVERAMBITIOUS.

UH, MR. ORLOFF!
ALCOHOL IS...!

POP

I'M JUST
TRYING TO CALM THE
NERVES. I'M ALSO ABOUT
TO PUT ON THE GREATEST
SHOW YOU'VE EVER SEEN,
SO THIS CALLS FOR
A TOAST.

HOW MANY
S-RANKS ARE ON
STANDBY?

GULP

THERE ARE
15 IN TOTAL,
SIR.

QUITE A SMALL
AUDIENCE, EH?



WHAT ARE THE AMERICANS DOING?

DID THEY NOT SEND JAPAN ANY S-RANK HUNTERS?

WELL, AN S-RANK GATE HAS SPAWNED ON THEIR SOIL AS WELL. IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND, TO BE EXACT.

BUT THAT'S NOT ALL. S-RANK GATES HAVE SPAWNED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, INDIA, AND IN MANY MORE NATIONS BESIDES JAPAN...

I SEE. SO COUNTRIES ALL OVER THE WORLD ARE SUFFERING FROM A SHORTAGE OF GOOD HUNTERS.



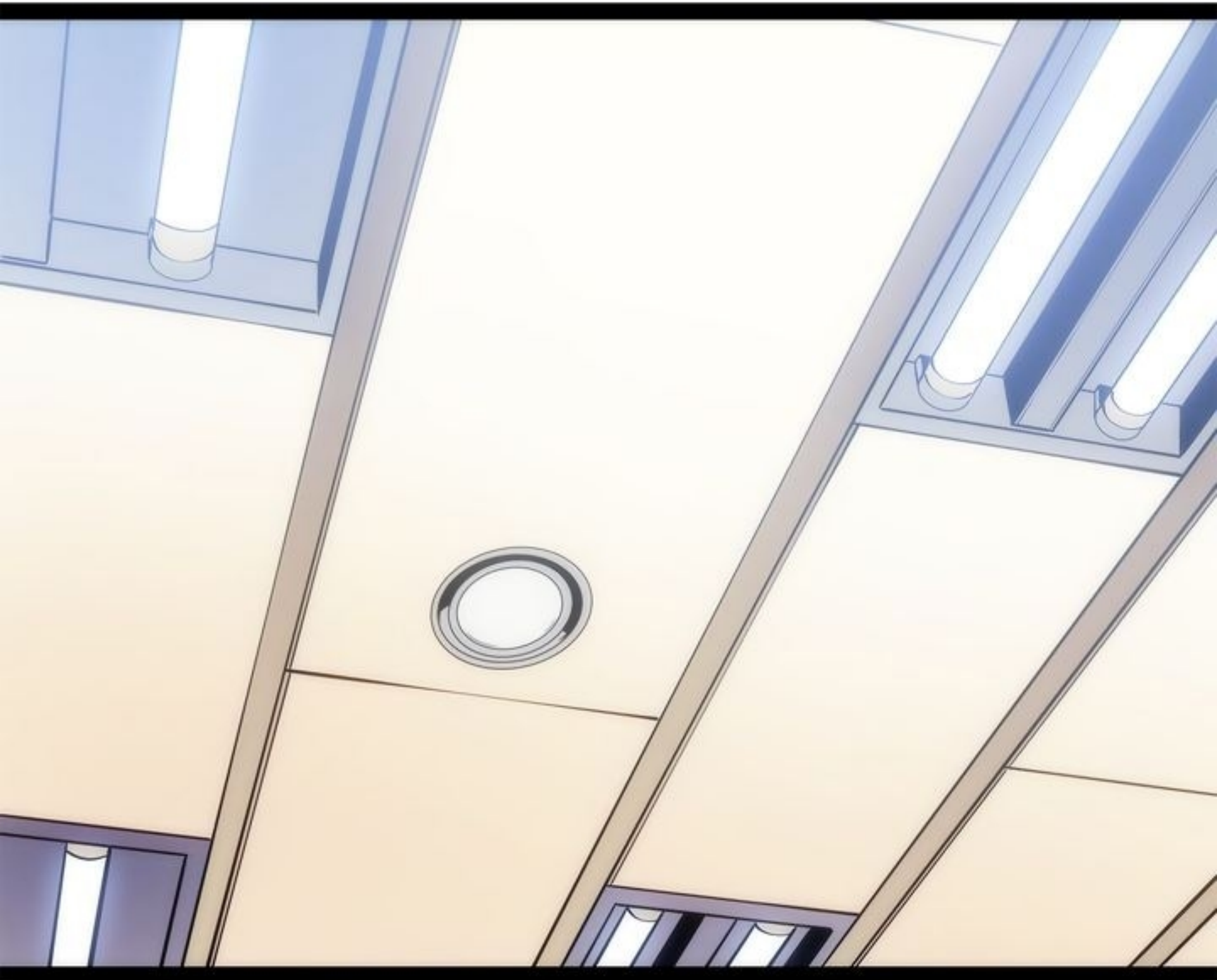
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THE GATE...!

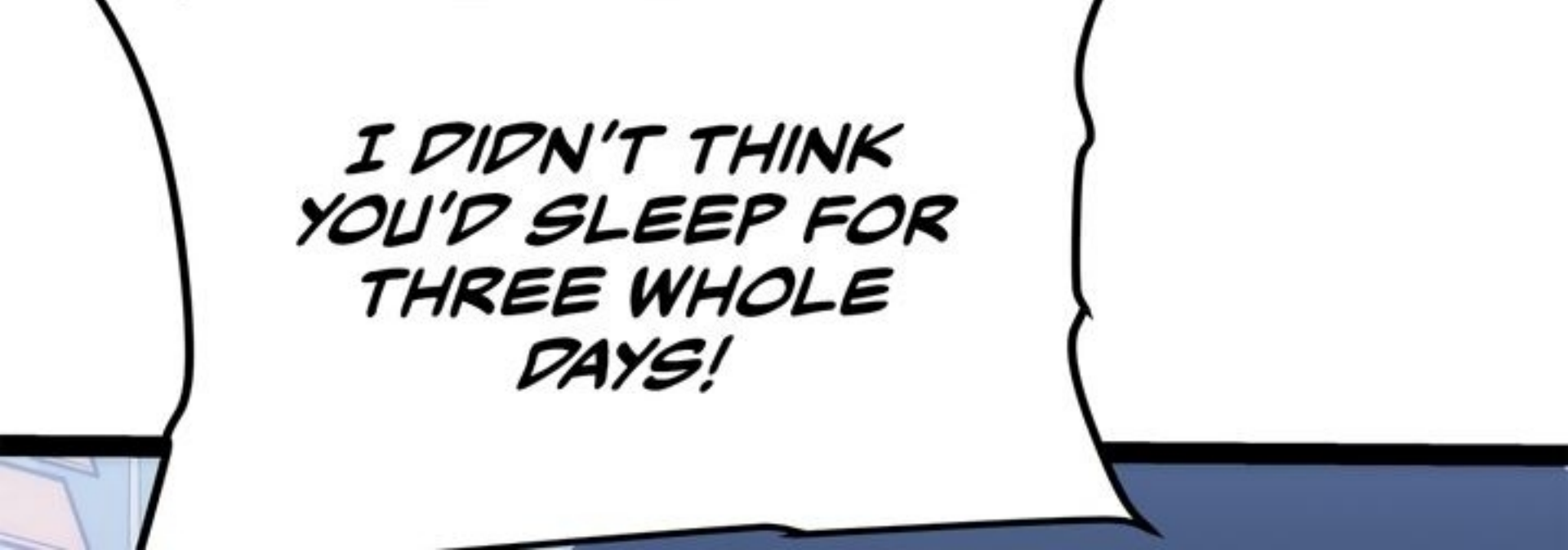
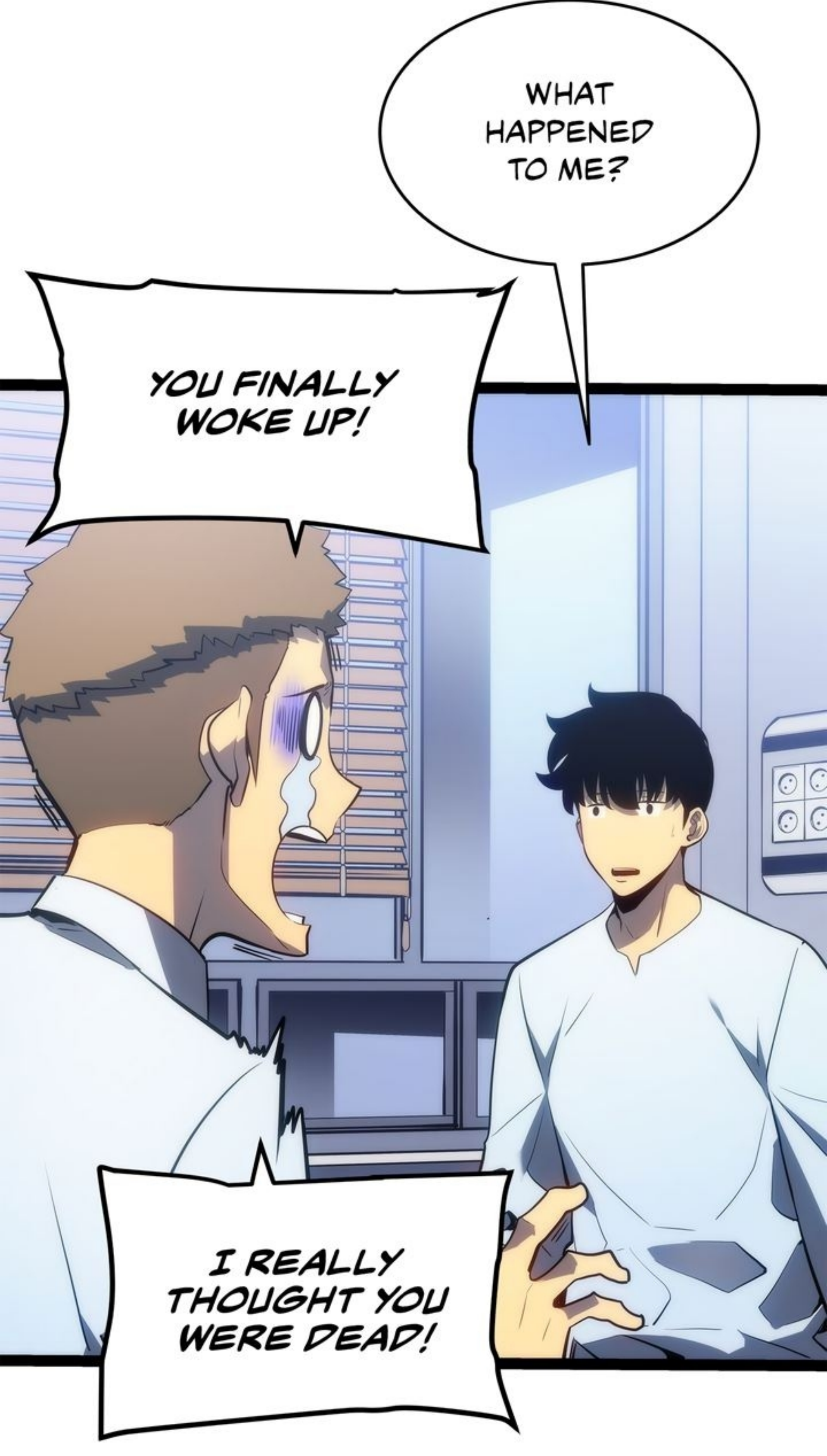
THE GATE HAS
OPENED!





A HOSPITAL...?

RISE





I'VE BEEN
ASLEEP FOR
THREE DAYS?



**YES! I'VE BEEN
WORRIED SICK!**

THREE
WHOLE DAYS...?
DID I REALLY BUILD
UP THAT MUCH
FATIGUE?

WELL, I GUESS
I HAVEN'T TAKEN
A BREAK IN A
WHILE...

BUT MORE
IMPORTANTLY... I KEEP
THINKING ABOUT THE WAR
THAT ARCHITECT GUY
SHOWED ME... I CAN'T
GET IT OUT OF
MY HEAD.

HOLD ON...



IF I'VE BEEN
ASLEEP FOR THREE
DAYS, THEN THAT
MEANS...!

JINHO,
GIVE ME AN
UPDATE.

AN UPDATE?
ON WHAT?

THE S-RANK
GATE IN JAPAN. WHAT
HAPPENED TO IT?



AH...

WELL....



BOOM



BOOM



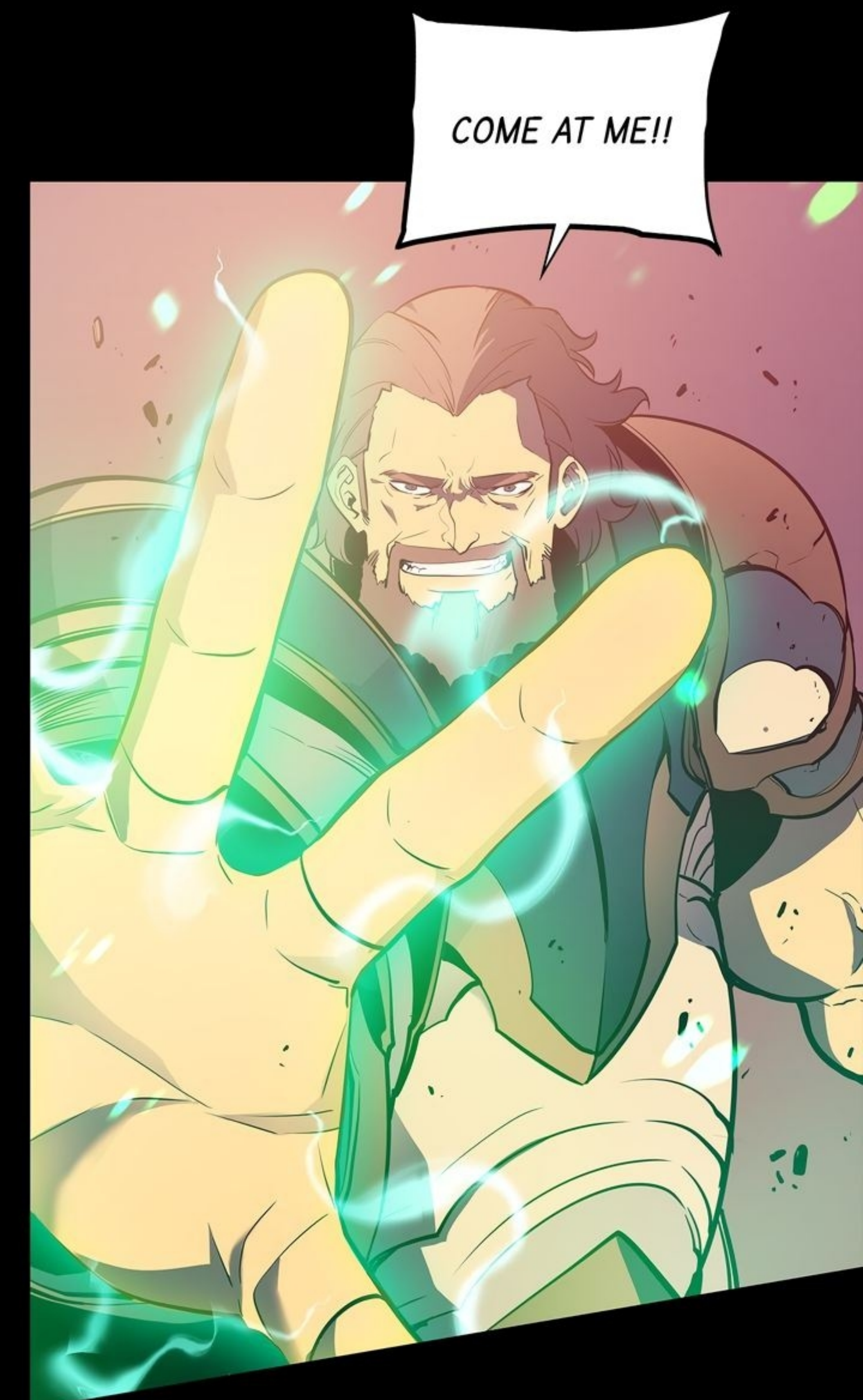
G...GIANTS!



THEY'RE
GIANTS!

BUT THEY USUALLY
APPEAR AS BOSSES OF
ONLY THE HIGHEST LEVEL
A-RANK GATES!

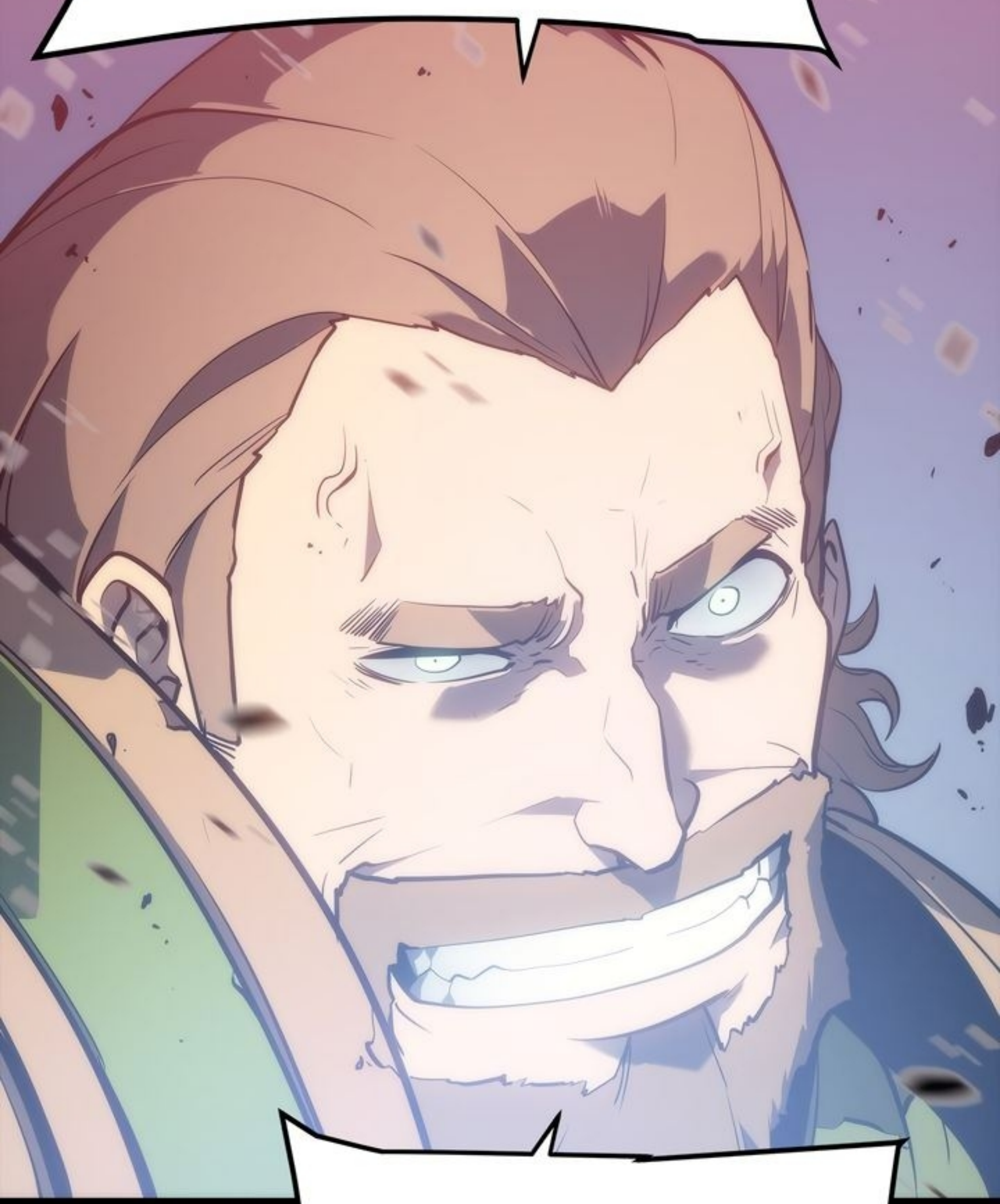








BAHAHAHAHAHA! BEASTS
THAT ARE COMMONLY
FOUND IN MEASLY A-RANK
GATES? WHO WOULD'VE
THOUGHT?!



YOU PIPSQUEAKS
THINK YOU CAN
BREAK THROUGH MY
BARRIER?!





GRAB



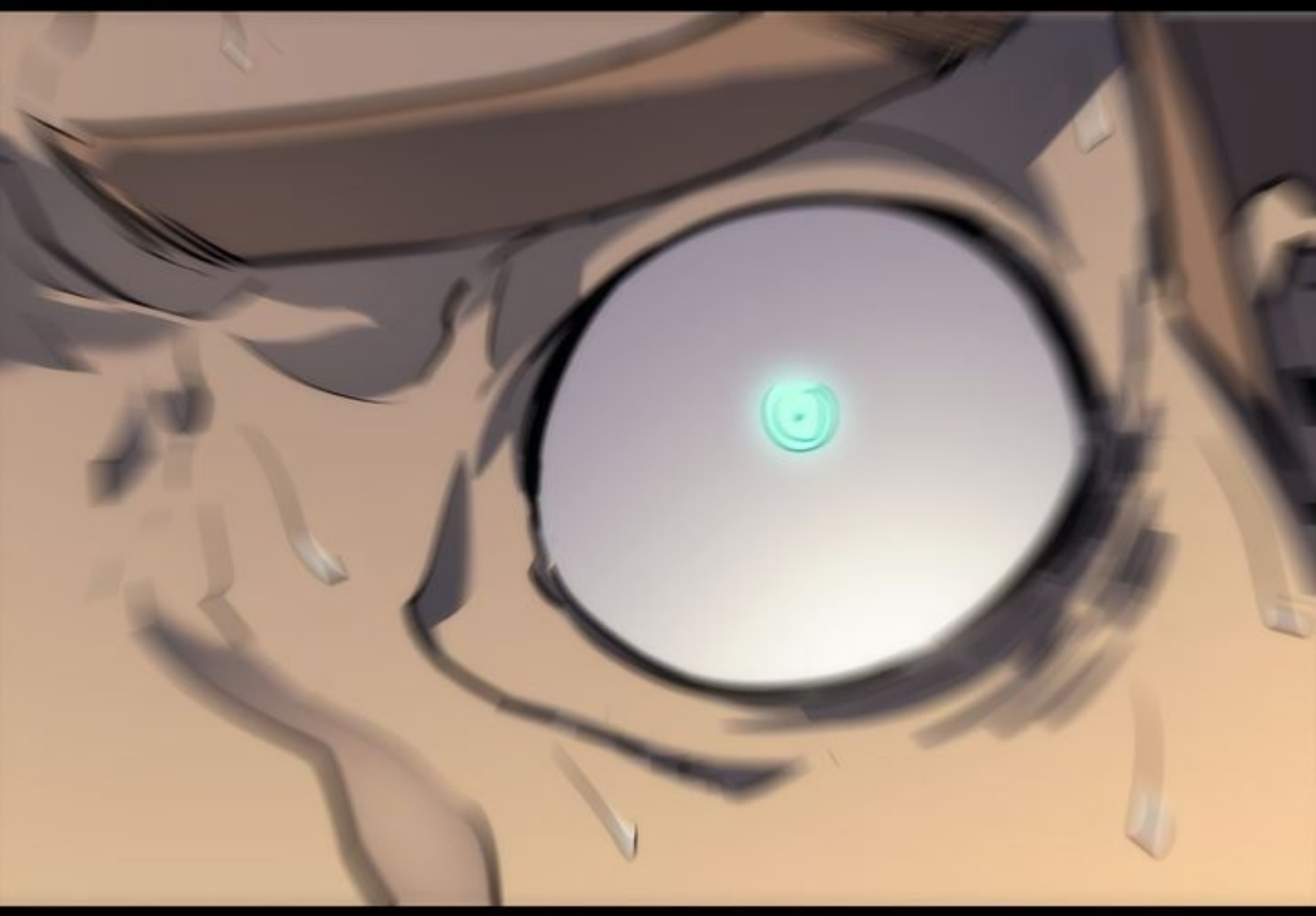
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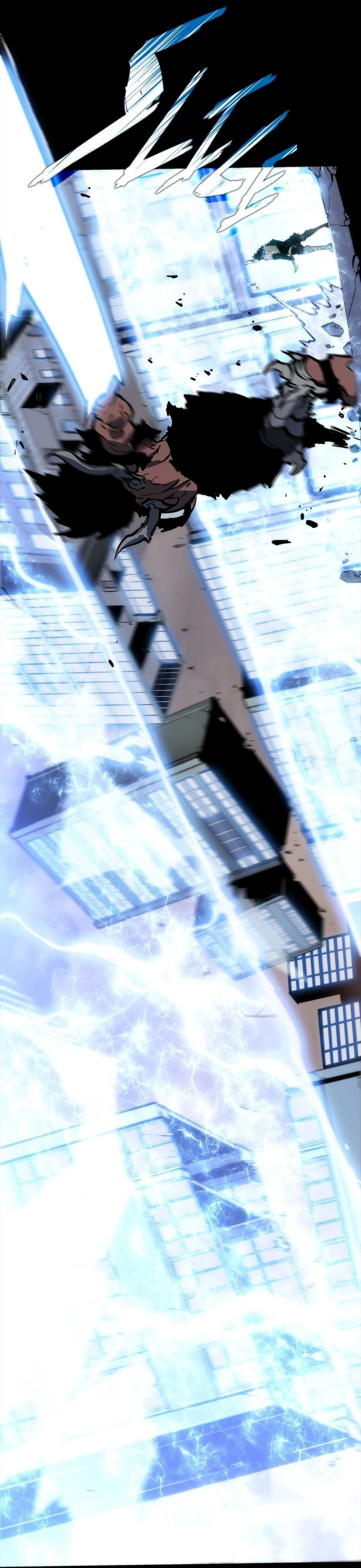
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H...HUH?!







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